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SUBJECT: UGANDA ROUND-UP: NOVEMBER 7

1. ON NOV. 6 I RECEIVED A PHONE CALL AT HOME FROM A MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS "SEKALU FROM ENTEBBE" AND SAID HE HAD TO SEE ME ON VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS. I SAID I WAS TOO BUSY RIGHT NOW, BUT PERHAPS HE COULD SEE ANOTHER EMBASSY OFFICER. HE SAID HE HAD TO SEE ME PERSONALLY. BY THIS TIME I AM SO SUSPICIOUS THAT I SAID IN THAT CASE HE SHOULD RING MY SECRETARY NEXT MONDAY MORNING AND SHE WOULD SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. HE SAID HE WOULD DO THAT.

2. WORD OF OUR IMPENDING CLOSURE IS SPREADING LESS RAPIDLY THROUGH THE KAMPALA DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAN I EXPECTED. AM STILL RECEIVING REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS AND SOCIAL INVITATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK FROM USUALLY WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMATS WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER. I TELL THEM I PLAN TO BE IN NAIROBI NEXT WEEK.

3. PRESIDENT AMIN NAMED A 29-YEAR-OLD ARMY OFFICER,
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CAPTAIN HUSSEIN MARIJAN, TO REPLACE WILLIAM RWETSIBA

AS EAC MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, RESEARCH AND SOCIAL SERVICES. HE WAS FORMERLY ADJUTANT OF THE EAGLE GADDAFI GARRISON AT JINJA, GRADUATED FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL, HAD TWO YEARS OF OFFICER TRAINING AT SANDHURST, AND OTHER TRAINING STINTS IN GREECE AND GHANA. IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

4. GENERAL AMIN HARANGUED A GROUP OF SENIOR GOU OFFICIALS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER AGAIN ON NOV. 6. MOST OF IT WAS REPETITIOUS OF EARLIER LECTURES. HE ANNOUNCED THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN USING PRESIDENT'S NAME TO GET BANK LOANS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE. HE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED SOME "INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS" AS THE CULPRITS. HE ALSO DENIED THAT HE OWNS A STORE. HE TOLD INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS OF STATE RESEARCH COUNCIL TO STOP GIVING FALSE REPORTS ABOUT PEOPLE. HE TOLD THE UGANDA TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CORP. TO "INFORM THE GOVERNMENT WHENEVER TOURISTS COME TO VISIT UGANDA." THE CORPORATION IS TO ADVISE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND THE STATE RESEARCH COUNCIL, "FOR THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY." HE ADVISED TRADERS TO DEAL WITH BLACK KENYANS AND NOT WITH NON-CITIZEN KENYANS (ASIANS).

5. OF INTEREST TO US, IF ANYTHING THE GENERAL SAYS IS ANY LONGER OF INTEREST TO US, WERE HIS REMARKS ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID HE HAD CABLED THE ARAB LEAGUE SEC. GEN., WITH COPIES HITHER AND YON AS USUAL, ASKING THE ARAB COUNTRIES "TO USE THEIR OIL AGAINST BRITAIN" BECAUSE BRITAIN IS SELLING ARMS TO OR AIDING SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA AND PORTUGAL. "ON THE ROLE OF AMERICA'S DR. HENRY KISSINGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WAS A MAN NOT TO BE TRUSTED. HE SAID THAT AFTER ARMING THE ISRAELIS TO THE TEETH HE DECIDED TO NEGOTIATE THE CEASE-FIRE WITH THE SOVIETS SO THAT THE ZIONISTS COULD TAKE THE ADVANTAGE AND CROSS THE SUEZ CANAL." THE GENERAL ALSO ORDERED THE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO ARREST ALL HIPPIES, "AS HIPPIES ARE NOT WANTED IN THE WORLD."

6. PLAN TO ATTEND SOVIET EMBASSY NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION TONIGHT. FROM QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ASKED IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO TELL HOW FAR WORD OF OUR CLOSURE HAS SPREAD. I DON'T INTEND TO GIVE ANY ANSWERS.

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